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Note verbale dated 29 November 1996 from the Permanent Mission of Chile addressed to the United Nations Office at Vienna

The Permanent Mission of Chile to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the United Nations Office at Vienna and with regard to the Russian Mars 96 probe which fell in the South-East Pacific Ocean area, has the honour to inform that in accordance with new data available to the Government of Chile, debris or material from the probe are believed to have fallen in the Chilean continental territory in an area along an approximately 50 miles wide and 200 miles long path oriented southwest to northeast, centered approximately 20 nautical miles east of the Chilean city of Iquique.

In addition to conveying this information, the Permanent Mission of Chile avails this opportunity to acknowledge receipt of the United Nations Office at Vienna's note verbale dated 21 November, including UN documents A/AC.105/647 and A/AC.105/648.

At the same time and in the light of the new elements of information, which directly involve Chilean territory, the Permanent Mission of Chile wishes to reiterate what has been expressed in Note Verbale No. 131 of 20 November 1996, in which concern was indicted for possible damages this incident might originate and also requested the United Nations every possible information available and co-operation.

The Permanent Mission of Chile to the International Organizations in Vienna takes this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office at Vienna the assurances of its highest consideration.